

An abstract graphic featuring a circular path composed of many small, overlapping squares. The squares are arranged in a grid-like pattern that curves around the center. The colors of the squares transition from warm tones (orange, yellow, and light green) on the left side to cool tones (various shades of blue and teal) on the right side. The path appears to be three-dimensional, with some squares overlapping others, creating a sense of depth. The background is a plain, light gray.

# **IOGCC Coalition on Cooperative Federalism**



The Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC) is coordinating efforts between its member states to work cooperatively with its federal counterparts. The IOGCC member governors have encouraged the organization to move forward with the Trump Administration on onshore domestic oil and natural gas. Collectively with governors of oil and gas producing states, Congressional or Senate representation and federally appointed officials, we seek to continue the IOGCC's mission to promote the conservation and maximization of our nation's oil and gas resources.

The IOGCC has developed a working plan to begin with the highest priority of issues to bring state regulatory programs back to the forefront and continue to lead as the laboratories of effective regulatory development.

### Management of Public Lands

*IOGCC works to ensure regulatory efficiency between the states and federal government, specifically coordinating state and federal requirements that govern exploration and production of petroleum resources on public lands for efficient regulation. This task will identify appropriate roles including the possibility of the delegation of primacy to the states for resource management functions.*

### Technological Development

*States agencies need to be provided with the best and most current tools to efficiently and effectively regulate. In order to properly monitor and evaluate activity within each state's borders, oil and gas agencies should be provided with dedicated resources to ensure best regulatory oversight of this rapidly changing industry.*

### Environmental Protection

*As one of IOGCC's primary missions to ensure the protection of the environment, IOGCC is proposing to enact a federally-funded National Abandoned Well Plugging Fund. In addition, states should be federally funded to continue examining emerging issues, such as gas storage regulation and induced seismicity.*

### Resource Conservation

*States have long been the advocates for resource development and coordination. With federal cooperation, states will ramp up efforts to promote maximum resource recovery, conservation education and recognize environmental regulatory excellence.*

### State Workforce Development

*The oil and natural gas industry has grown exponentially for the past decade with new technology. The IOGCC proposes to accelerate its work as a conduit for training and education for state oil and gas regulatory agencies. Efforts range from developing new practices to boots-on-the-ground field exercises. This is a vital step for attracting the next class of excellence in state regulators.*